

registration fee, which is currently \$35 every two years, we change it to \$100 per year for a paid lobbyist and \$15 per year for a nonpaid lobbyist, so to speak. The lobbyist fees were last increased in 1982. The other thing that it does is require a statement of activity for a lobbyist filed at the end of each session. Now each regular session a lobbyist has to file a statement of activity. This would broaden that to include it also for a special session because, obviously, like in some of our tax sessions, there are some things that have went on there that just so we can find out who is being paid by whom. Fourthly, it changes the monthly reporting to quarterly reporting. This was the issue and some people had some concerns about in the past because we had monthly reporting. I think the Clerk read in a monthly report today. For recordkeeping purposes, from a lobbyist's point of view, quarterly reporting makes it much easier. We have included in here another provision that if a lobbyist would spend over \$5,000 in any one month, then they would have to file a quarterly reporting statement just to...I mean if there is a huge glob of activity going on, it would still be reported monthly. Distribution of fees, the increased fees coming in, changing it from \$35 annually to...\$35 every two years to \$100 annually, an increase in fees, all those fees will be split directly in half; half by the Clerk's Office, who does most of the leg work on collecting those fees and recordkeeping, the other half to the Accountability and Disclosure Commission. Lastly, civil penalties and late fees, now those things go into the temporary school fund. Under this bill, those fees would go into the Campaign Finance Limitation Fund. So it changes where those fees go. I passed out the explanation of it. It was a bill that came out of committee eight to zero. For a variety of reasons, if we don't do it this year, we have a time problem with doing in two years again. So I'd ask the body's indulgence and ask for adoption of the amendment.

**SPEAKER WITHEM:** Thank you, Senator Hall or Senator Moore. Senator Hall, on the amendment.

**SENATOR HALL:** Thank you, Mr. President and members. Senator Moore, just for clarification purposes, the issue in the page 1 to 2 of the amendment, when you are talking about employees of the...and you are talking about the increased fee to \$100, which I don't have any objection to, I don't have any objection to the amendment, I just want to clarify that you are talking about a fee that is for a lobbyist, it is not for each employee of that